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SAVALA IS WELL KNOWN IN LITERARY INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES AND HAS BEEN A GOOD CONTACT OF USIS. PENSAMIENTO CENTROAMERICANO IS A QUARTERLY HIGHBROW JORNAL, NOT DISSIMILAR TO THE BRITISH MAGAZINE ENCOUNTER IN ITS MIX OF HISTORY, POLITICS AND CULTURE. IT IS THE SUCCESSOR TO ZAVALA'S PENSAMIENTO CONSERVADOR WHOSE TITLE BETRAYED ITS MORE MODEST AMBITIONS. FIRST ISSUE OF MAGAZINE CAME OUT A FFEW MONTHS AGO AND WE ESTIMATE THAT IT HAS HAD A SALE OF ABOUT 2,000 THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AMERICA WITH NICARAGUA ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT A QUARTER OF ITS CIRCULATION. IT IS SOLD ON CAMPUSES, BOOKSTORES AND BY SUBSCRIPTION AND COULD BE COUNTED UPON TO REACH DIRECTLY OR THROUGH REPRINTS OF ITS ARTICLES, AN IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF CENTRAL AMERICAN INTELLECTUALS. WE RECOMMEND THAT USG SHOULD COOPERATE AT LEAST BY SUBMITTING TO INTERVIEWS WITH ZAVALA, AND POSSIBLY BY CONTRIBUTION OF ARTICLE ON OUR ASSISTANCE TO CA ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, ETC. ZAVALA IS U.S. EDUCATED AND WELL DISPOSED TOWARD U.S.
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